

## Monthly Report March 2015

### Kentucky Dept. for Libraries & Archives



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**Reminder:** SPGEs which are also taxing districts must complete and file a UFIR electronically with DLG for submission to the US Census Bureau. The deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. To complete, log on to the DLG portal at: [https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/Entities/SPGE0\\_Search.cfm](https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/Entities/SPGE0_Search.cfm).

#### **KPLA Conference**

The Kentucky Public Library Association Annual Conference will take place March 16-18 in Lexington. This year's conference will feature a wealth of insightful and informative programs on topics of interest to all public library staff and trustees. Trustees who wish to receive initial certification are encouraged to attend the trustee certification training on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m.-4:30p.m. Registration and the conference schedule is available at: <http://kpla.org/spring-conference/2015-conference>.

#### **SOKY Book Fest**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Kentucky Book Fest is a fundraiser for the promotion of literacy in our communities. The 2015 Book Fest will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Children's Day on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. is devoted to school children in grades K-12, librarians, and educators. The Kentucky Writer's Conference will also take place on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. and will feature free workshops on a variety of writing topics. For a list of events, authors attending and online registration, go to: <http://www.sokybookfest.org>.

#### **National Library Week**

Celebrate National Library Week, April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday is set aside as National Library Workers' Day to recognize the contributions of library staff, administrators, trustees and Friends. Wednesday is National Bookmobile Day and celebrates our bookmobiles and the dedicated library professionals who provide this valuable service to their communities every day. Thursday is Support Teen Literature Day. For promotional materials visit: <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>.

#### **Technology driving public library usage in Kentucky**

A recent press release from the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet said statistics compiled from Kentucky's 119 public libraries show that Kentuckians checked out 30,664,564 items during the 2013-2014 fiscal year, setting a record which was an increase of 2 percent over the previous year. The driving factor in this increase was the circulation of more than two million e-books. For the first time, the number of e-books checked out from public libraries in the state surpassed the number of items checked out from bookmobiles. The full press release is available at: <http://educationcabinet.ky.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2015librarytechuse.htm>.

#### **Webinars for Trustees**

There are several webinars on the KDLA continuing education calendar in March and April that may be of interest to certified trustees. A brief description of one is below. Sign up at: <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/ContinuingEducationCalendar.aspx>.

- **The Pursuit of Happiness...Through Libraries.** Provided by WebJunction. March 19 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT. Directors, administrators, trustees, and managers – In this webinar, explore the research linking happiness and success and learn ways to increase happiness in yourself and others. " Research points to how we can increase happiness and a sense of well-being in ourselves and others. Using interactive activities, participants will discover methods to improve joy, shift workplace culture, and offer programs for the public on happiness. You will walk away with a smile and a plan.